GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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THREAT TO SECURITY ALONG INDO BANGLADESH BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rivers along the Indo-Bangladesh border are making the border Porous from security point of view;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRIMATI RADHIKA V. SELVI)

(a): The riverine area along Indo-Bangladesh border is vulnerable to infiltration,smuggling and trans-border crimes, as erection of fencing is not feasible in this segment of International border.

(b): As intimated by BSF, the State-wise details of riverine border are as under:-

West Bengal - 575,100 km

Assam - 119,100 km

Tripura - 147,650 km

Mizoram - 274.350 km

(c): BSF is effectively dominating the riverine segment along Indo-Bangladesh border by maintaining constant surveillance, observation, patrolling and Nakas.Domination/patrolling is also carried out with the help of available boats, floating BOPs, watercrafts and water vessels etc.